

Support Canada's inclusion in Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations

Dear Colleguic:

We invite you to join us in signing a bipartisan letter to USTR Ambassador Ron Kirk to express support for Canada's immediate inclusion in the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

As our largest bilateral trading partner in the world, Canada is an important economic, military and diplomatic ally. The TPP is an important initiative to expand current and future trade partnerships to foster American job creation and support American businesses.

- Canada supports an estimated 8 million U.S. jobs, including over 500,000 Americans that are employed by Canadian-owned companies.
- Last year alone, Canada imported more than \$280.9 billion in U.S. goods and \$56 billion in U.S. services, making it the United States' largest export market.
- U.S. exports to Canada increased by \$38 billion in 2011.

If you would like to sign or have any questions, please contact Adam Elias with Rep. Owens at Adam.Elias@mail.house.gov or Adam Hepburn with Rep. Hanna at Adam.Hepburn@mail.house.gov.

Dear Ambassador Kirk,

We write to express our strong support for the inclusion of Canada in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations. Canada and the United States have the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world and our economies are highly integrated.

U.S. exports to Canada are two-and-a-half times more than to all current TPP members combined. Canada is the top export market for U.S. goods (\$280.9 billion) and services (\$56 billion), and is the top export destination for 35 U.S. states. Canada's participation in the TPP is critical to increased U.S. sales and holds strong potential to add to the estimated 8 million U.S. jobs currently supported by our bilateral trade relationship.

As one of our strongest allies, Canada is also closely aligned with the United States in how it approaches the development of trade rules. Our two governments are already working closely together on ambitious bilateral initiatives under the U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council and the Action Plan on Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness that will help make the northern border more secure while accelerating the movement of people and goods.

The current TPP countries agreed that any new TPP member should not reduce either the pace or ambition of the TPP negotiations. There is no doubt that Canada would be an ambitious, valuable, and strategic partner for the U.S. in advancing the TPP negotiations in many important areas, including regulatory cooperation, state-owned enterprises, trade facilitation and ensuring science-based approaches to agricultural trade. The inclusion of Canada in TPP provides a valuable opportunity to address critical market access issues, including trade in dairy, poultry and wine products between our two countries, as well as resolve barriers regarding intellectual property and other areas. We believe Canada has the capacity and commitment to address a range of issues in order to advance the TPP negotiations towards a near-term conclusion.

The TPP is an important initiative to expand current and future trade partnerships to foster American job creation and support American businesses. With Canada at the table, we can achieve our goal of deepening trade linkages with the Asia-Pacific region.

Sincerely,